



## The Legislative Elections.

The elections for the new Legislative Assembly to be convened under the new dispensation will presumably not be held before November next; but an important preliminary work will devolve upon the people before that. "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act 1871" established an electoral franchise. According to that Act the following persons shall have the right to vote for members to serve in the Legislative Assembly:—Every male of the full age of twenty-one years, not being subject to the usual disqualifications, being entitled within the Colony to the privileges of a natural-born British subject and being able to read English, or if a natural-born British subject being able to read the language of his country, having resided in this Colony for six months previous to the registration of electors, who shall have a freehold estate in possession situated within the Electoral District in which his vote is to be given of the clear value of two hundred dollars above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, or shall have a leasehold estate in possession, situated within the Electoral District, of the annual value of forty dollars above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, or shall be a householder within such District occupying any house, warehouse, counting-house, office, shop or other building or premises of the clear annual value of forty dollars, or shall pay for lodgings the sum of forty dollars annually, or for board and lodging the sum of two hundred dollars annually within such District, or who shall hold a duly recorded pre-emption claim to not less than one hundred acres of land within such District, or a free-mining license upon which a claim has been duly recorded within such District. Where any freehold estate or any lands and tenements are jointly owned, held, or occupied by more than one person, each of such joint owners, holders, or occupiers shall be entitled to be registered as an elector and to vote, provided the value of his individual share or interest in the said freehold estate or lands and tenements would under the provisions of the Act entitle him to be placed upon the List of Voters. It is also provided that the qualification in respect of which registration shall have been attained must continue in possession of the party during the three months intervening between Registration and Revision in so far only however, as the present year is concerned. In regard to subsequent years, it is provided that the qualification must be in possession three months previous to Registration. It is further provided that the Register of Voters in force at the time of election shall be final and conclusive, to all intents and purposes as to the right of persons whose names are inserted therein to vote at such election; and in case of any proceedings being taken before any tribunal upon any petition whatever, complaining of an undue election, no inquiry shall be allowed as to the right to vote of any person whose name shall not be upon the register in force at the time of such election. Such may be regarded as a sufficiently complete epitome of the franchise to enable the reader to understand who shall have the right to vote. But we desire particularly to invite attention to this fact: The Act does not qualify anyone to vote. It only provides the means by which certain persons may qualify themselves to vote. Unless these persons do their part, unless they avail themselves of the provisions of the Act they will find themselves on the outside of the franchise, no matter what property or other qualification they may possess. Registration is, then, essential to the right to vote, and as the time for registration is not distant, we invite attention to this part of the subject. The Registrar for any district shall, on or before the 1st of May, cause to be delivered to each collector certain printed notices and blank forms. The collector shall, on or before the 10th of May, publish a notice requiring all persons entitled to vote to give or send to the said Collector, on or before the 10th day of June, a notice of his claim to vote; and in such notice [forms of which can be obtained of the Collector] must be set forth particularly the place of residence and the nature of the qualification in respect of which registration is sought. The Collector shall, on or before the 20th day of June, make out an alphabetical list of all persons who shall have claimed to be placed upon the voter's list. Then follows the provisions for Revision, etc., which need not be detailed now. It will be seen that the people must do their part, and that they will have only one month in which the do it, viz., between 10th May and 10th June. There will be a Collector for each and every polling-place, and we presume the polling-places will be much the same as last election, some thirty-five or six in number. We should imagine the Government will lose no time in publishing the Registers, Collectors and polling places and giving the necessary notices, inasmuch as the time is now quite short enough to deal with the more remote and inaccessible Districts. These are the outlines of the provisions in so far as the more immediate duty of the people is concerned; and we trust the responsibility of the new dispensation will be sufficiently realized to lead all qualified persons to place themselves in position to vote at the approaching election.

A SCHOOLMASTER in Pearson township, Vigo county, Indiana, on going to his school house on a recent morning, found himself locked out by a large number of his scholars who were on the inside. He immediately erected a pole, ascended to the roof of the house and evoked the passage of smoke from the fire. But they immediately took away his artificial ladder and left him sitting on the comb of the roof until his fingers and ears were completely frozen, when he was allowed to descend.

FELL'S COFFEE, superior to any other manufactured on the Coast, may be obtained of all respectable dealers throughout the Colony.

## New Advertisements.

IMPORTANT SALE OF  
LIVE STOCK!

**THE UNDERRIGNED HAS** been instructed by the Hudson Bay Company to sell all valuable and choice stock on the Langley Farm, consisting of Milch Cows, Work Oxen, Steers and Young cattle of various ages. Also—a number of well-bred Bulls. Also—Team and Saddle Horses. Pigs and a large lot of secondhand Oxchairs, &c., &c., all of which will be sold cheap for CASH, on the premises at Langley, in lots to suit purchasers.

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## Flour.

**A**LL the Best Brands of Oregon Flour  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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Middlings and Bran.  
FOR SALE BY JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Window Glass.

**A**SSORTED Sizes, in 50 feet boxes  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Wall Paper.

**A**SSORTED Patterns and qualities, in large and  
small cases. For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## White Lead &amp; Paints

**I**N 25lb and 25lb tins  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Boiled Linseed Oil.

**I**N drums and casks  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Soap.

**E**NGLISH Mottled and Yellow Soaps, in 18lb, 28lb  
12lb and 112lb boxes. For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Candles.

**T**AYLOR'S, full weight, in 1lb packets.  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Tin Plates.

**A**SSORTED sizes.  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Hoop &amp; Sheet Iron.

**A**SSORTED Nos. and Widths  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Blankets.

**2**, 3, 3 1/2 and 4 Pounds, of All Colors, Best  
2 Qualities. For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Flannels.

**W**HITE and colored, in short lengths  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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Crimean and Baltic  
SHIRTS

**A**SSORTED Patterns and Qualities  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Hosiery.

**M**EN'S Heavy Scotch Knit Socks, Lamb's Wool,  
Merino and Cotton Socks, Women's Wollen Stockings.  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Underclothing.

**M**EN'S Heavy Wool Shirts and Drawers; also, Mer-  
cier's. For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Carpets.

**T**APESTRY, Brussels and Felt Carpets  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Electro Platedware

**O**EXTRA Quality, from the celebrated manu-  
factory of James Dixon & Sons, Sheffield, Forks, spoons,  
teas and coffee pots, cruet frames, dishcovers, toilet  
kettles, a large assortment. For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Mustard.

**A**REXSTEAD'S—In 1/2lb and 1lb tins  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Oilman's Stores,

**P**ICKLES, Pies Fruits, Sauces, Chutney  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Sardines.

**I**N 1/2 and 1/4 boxes. For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Currants.

**E**XTRA Quality, in 25lb tins. For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Salad Oil.

**F**INEST Quality, in 1/2 pints, pints and quarts  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Jams and Jellies.

**I**N tins and stone jars. For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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## Concentrated Vinegar.

**O**NE quart forming two gallons of vinegar.  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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Sago, Tapioca,  
BROWNST. For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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Liverpool Coarse  
SALT.

**I**N 100lb bars. FINE TABLE SALT in glass jars  
For sale by JANION, RHODES & CO.

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QUEUR'S  
Cod Liver Oil Jelly.

**A**PPROVED BY THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

**F**OR COUGH, COLDS, BRONCHIAL  
and Thoracal Consumption, Scrofula, and General  
Debility. The most mild, bland and nutritious form in  
which Cod Liver Oil can be used, and with more benefit  
secured to the patient by a single teaspoonful of this  
Jelly than double the quantity of the clear or unjellied  
Oil.

For sale by E. H. TRUEX,  
Proprietor, New York,  
and LANGLEY & CO.,  
Victoria, British Columbia.

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## FOR SALE—LOW.

**H**ALF INTEREST IN THE COLONIAL  
HOTEL at New Westminster, now, doing a Good  
Business, and

**S**EVERAL TOWN LOTS at No West-  
minster. Apply to F. GRELLEY,  
Yates Street, near Government.

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## New Advertisements.

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## NOTICE

**A**LL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS ON  
the Estate of the late John Gordon McKay are re-  
quested by the Executrix to send in the same within  
fourteen days from this date to Mr. TO NUTTALL, Gov-  
ernment street, Victoria, B.C., 8th April, 1871.

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Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Co  
Limited.

**A**NOTIFICATION OF THE SHAREHOLDERS &  
DIRECTORS of the above company will be held on Fa-  
turity, the 8th inst., at the City Council Chambers, at 2  
p.m., to receive the report of the committee appointed at  
the last meeting, and for other business of great im-  
portance to shareholders and creditors.

By order of the Committee.

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H. GRANCINI,  
R. BURNABY,  
R. JENKINSON.

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Victoria, V.I., April 8th, 1871.

John Weiler,  
BEEHIVE STORE,  
COR OF BROAD AND FORT STREETS,  
Upholsterer and Paperhanger

DEALER AND IMPORTER OF  
CROCKERY, GLASSWARE,  
BEDDING OF ALL KINDS,

Wallpaper, Oilcloth, Carpets, and all  
sorts of Upholstery Goods,

BEGS TO ANNOUNCE TO HIS FRIENDS  
and the public generally that he is fully prepared,  
having engaged the services of an

Experienced Upholsterer and Paper-  
hanger.

to execute the work appertaining to the business in all  
its branches and details, and hopes by strict attention and  
REASONABLE RATES,

to satisfy to the fullest extent those who entrust him  
with their orders.

John Weiler,  
GARDENER AND FLORIST  
PRACTICAL GARDENER AND FLORIST,  
Offers his services to those having gardens to lay out,  
Planting and Pruning and Flower Gardens and Borders  
arranged with taste and dispatch, by the job or day.

Orders left at the store of Messrs MITCHELL & JOHN-  
STON will receive prompt attention.

TO STOCK RAISERS.

THE STALLIONS BELONGING  
to the undersigned will stand during the pre-  
sent season at Victoria or in the Districts.

Orders must be left with

GEO STELLY,  
Co. Blanchard & Johnnes Sts.

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Thomas Shotbolt.

Chemist & Druggist,  
JOHNSON STREET.

MANUFACTURER OF  
SADDLERY, HARNESS,  
TRUNKS, VALISES &  
LEATHER OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

HAVE RECEIVED EX PACIFIC FROM  
San Francisco, a large addition to their already  
extensive Stock consisting of Reins and Driving Whips,  
Horse Clothing, Saddle Cloths, Bridles, Bits, Stirrup  
Leather, Girths, &c.

ALSO—A quantity of Saddlery, Hardware, &c., which  
they will sell CHEAP FOR CASH.

The Highest Cash Price paid for Hides  
and Sheep Skins.

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Thomas Shotbolt.

MANUFACTURER OF  
Soda Water, Lemonade, Gin-  
ger Beer & Syrup.

AERATED WATER WORKS,  
ap4 Co Cook and Yates street, Victoria.

PLUMMER & PAGDEN,  
AUCTIONEERS,  
APRAISERS, ACCOUNTANTS &  
COMMISSION AGENTS,  
WHARF ST, VICTORIA.

BEG TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAVE  
taken the large building on Wharf street, opposite  
the foot of Yates street. From their lengthened ex-  
perience in the above branches of business, and by  
promptness and attention they hope to secure a share  
of the public support.

Stocks in Trade, or

# THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Saturday Morning, April 8, 1871.

## Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

April 7.—Sir Isobel, Starr, Port Townsend.

CLERCHED

April 7.—None

## MARSHED

At Vanwinkle, Cariboo, on the 20th ult., by the Rev. Thomas Derrick, Mr. J. O. Beedy to Miss Laura Lindhardt, late of Copenhagen, Denmark.

## NEWS! NEWS!

The "British Colonist" is the only newspaper published at Victoria that receives the latest Telegraphic Dispatches. Having, consequently, the largest circulation, its value as an Advertising Medium is apparent.

PAUPERS ROLLING IN LUXURY.—Following the articles furnished in the San Francisco Almshouse, all of the very best quality: Fresh beef, mutton, pork, fresh fish, salt cod, ham, bacon, chickens, turkeys, coffee, tea, white sugar, light brown sugar, rice, cornmeal, beans, salt, pepper, vinegar, mustard, golden syrup, dried apples and peaches, eggs, flour, buckwheat, oatmeal, corn starch, farina, sago, macaroni, vermicelli, chocolate pickles, sweet oil, fresh butter, assorted spices, vegetables; vegetables canned, viz.—tomatoes, corn and peas; fruits canned, viz.—pineapples, peaches and jellies; fresh California oysters, extracts for flavoring pastries, lard, bread, potatoes, sal soda, etc., castile soap and tobacco! The San Francisco Call says: No wonder the Almshouse contains on an average from five to six hundred inmates.

THEATRE ROYAL.—For this evening an intellectual and sensational entertainment is offered, viz.: The Drunkard's Child; or, the Fallen Saviour, in which Mr. Beatty will assume his great character of Joe Morgan, Miss Beatty that of the Drunkard's Wife, May Beatty that of Mary Morgan, in which she will sing "Father, dear Father come Home." Messrs. Melville and Ward and Mrs. Bird will also occupy prominent places on the bill. A Musical Melange will follow and the entertainment will conclude with the capital comedietta of the "Rough Diamond." A more painstaking company than the one now playing at our theatre has seldom visited this city. They deserve a generous encouragement and support.

THE FAMOUS RELIEF FUND CONCERT.—Seats are still selling rapidly and the Theatre will be jammed. To accommodate the public the pit railing has been removed, the door carpeted, and armchairs substituted for the rude benches, so that desirable seats may still be secured. There is every indication that the Concert will realize a larger sum than any entertainment previously given in this Colony—even in flush times. The object had in view is one that excited the active sympathy of all.

"ANTI-HUMBUG!"—Our New Westminster correspondent must excuse us if, instead of publishing his communication, we say that he fully vindicates Mr. Nicholson against certain imputations contained in a letter published in these columns, on the 1st inst. Our correspondent says "Poor Dr Black was buried in an open, unfenced lot, because Archdeacon Woods refused to let the Masonic Brotherhood read their beautiful and impressive service over him in consecrated ground." We cannot compliment the Archdeacon on such an exhibition of narrow bigotry.

LATEST FROM OMIMOO.—A letter from Germansen Creek, dated 18th February, and received by Mr. Dr. Carroll, states that in the opinion of the writer the diggings are the best poor man's goldfield yet discovered—that is, that individual labor, unsupported by capital, will find there ample remuneration. Provisions, however, will be high and scarce for a time, and may prove the cause of a reaction but eventually, adds the writer, the country will become world-famous for its astonishing wealth of gold and silver.

SPiritualism at PORTLAND.—Spiritualism at Portland would not seem to be profitable to its advocates. We notice that Mr. Todd, who some time since lectured upon the subject in this city, and who has since resided in Portland, appeals to the people of that city for means to enable him to reach the Eastern States, his labor there, in a financial point of view, not having proved successful.

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS.—In many places a Sanborn spring ploughing has been retarded by the unusual moisture of the ground. In the New Westminster District a great deal of spring work has been done, and the area under cultivation this year will greatly exceed that of any previous one. East of the Cascade Range a great deal of ploughing has been done and considerable seed has been got in.

GRAT SALE OF LIVE STOCK.—The Hudson Bay Company offer at private sale, for cash, the whole of their valuable and well-bred stock on the Langley Farm, consisting of milch cows, work oxen, steers, bulls, team and saddle horses, pigs and young cattle. Here is an opportunity to stock farms at very little expense.

NORLY SAID.—The London Saturday Review says that if either President Grant or his supporters in the press believe that the British Commissioners are about to sell Canada, they will probably not accept an assurance that they are utterly mistaken. When the people of Canada at any time become the subjects of bargain and sale, they must negotiate the contract themselves and receive the price of the transfer.

MATINEE TO-DAY.—By particular request an "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Matinee will be held this afternoon at the Theatre Royal. Children will be admitted for 25 cents; adults for 50 cents. Parents should not miss this opportunity of allowing their children to witness the performance of this beautiful and affecting drama. The entertainment will commence at 2 o'clock.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN, having returned to Chicago after "saving France," has been slapped into goal for a debt of \$50, incurred for printing. He refuses to pay and says he will remain in goal until the vermin drag him through the keyhole!

The Isobel will lie in port until Monday next.

## DELAYED DISPATCHES.

### California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—This afternoon a train coming toward Vallejo arrived within a mile and a half of Vacaville station, when a top carriage with double team was seen going along the road parallel with the track and a quarter of a mile ahead. When the cars had nearly overtaken the carriage it was turned and driven upon the track, the occupants not appearing to notice the train at all. The engineer whistled down breaks and reversed motion, but the space was not sufficient to allow the train to stop, and the carriage was struck with full force. The horses were uninjured, detached from the carriage and thrown some distance on the side of the track. The top and body of the carriage were carried a hundred feet and thrown off on the other side with the occupants, a young man named Myer from Dixon, and a young lady from Marysville to whom he was paying his attentions. The running gear was carried along till the train could be stopped, and was rolled and doubled up under the cowcatcher without throwing the train off. The lady was found insensible with a frightful wound upon the head, her arm broken and blood gushing from her nose and mouth. Myer was but little injured. The lady was taken to Vacaville where she partially recovered consciousness before the train left. Myer, who had shown but little effect of the collision fainted on the platform.

As 12½ minutes before 8 o'clock the most severe shock of earthquake felt for a year agitated the city, lasting two and a half seconds, the undulation being northeast and southeast. A second followed at an interval of two seconds and a half more severe than the first. Many people rushed into the streets. The duration of the second shock was two seconds. There was no damage done anywhere.

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